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Dependent Claims

The Notice on dependent claims of June 8, 1966 (828 O.G. 1) is modified as follows:

With particular reference to the second full paragraph, claims dependent on a genus which purport to be dependent but are in fact ultimate species do not qualify as true dependent claims. Exemplary of such claim forms are those which depend on a formula but which recite all variables in such manner that no further specificity is possible as well as those claims which name a specific compound and add, "according to claim 1" which is superfluous as far as the claim content is concerned. In summary, claims to ultimate species are not considered dependent claims. Although accepted for filing, claims of this type will be objected to and not acted on unless made independent by amendment and supported by the appropriate fee.

Aug. 19, 1968.

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